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ADVISORY ACTION

This Office Action is responsive to Applicant's proposed amendment and response after FINAL, filed 29 Jan 2008.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 12 Dec 2007 was filed after the mailing date of the FINAL Office Action mailed on 30 Nov 2007. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

3. Proposed amended claim 1 is directed a process that is further limited in that "the amount of functional groups introduced in the polysaccharide is between 10^{-3} and 2 mol olefin/eq anhydrous glucose." Dependent claims 1-8, 10 and 15 depend from amended claim 1 and incorporated all limitations therein. Therefore the scope and breadth of the claims has changed, requiring further consideration and/or search.

Further, proposed amended claim 12 incorporates the range of previously rejected claim 14, and does not overcome the previous rejection under USC 102(b) upheld in the FINAL Office Action mailed 30 Nov 2007.

11. All rejections of record in the FINAL Office Action mailed 30 Nov 2007 are maintained in view of the proposed amendment After Final not entered.

Applicant's remarks/arguments filed 29 Jan 2008 after FINAL with respect to all rejections made under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) have been fully considered but are unpersuasive in view of the not entered proposed amendment, as discussed in the Final Rejection. Applicant's remarks/arguments regarding the rejections made under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are restatements of the remarks/arguments discussed in the Final Rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan S. Lau whose telephone number is 571-270-3531. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shaojia Anna Jiang can be reached on 571-272-0627. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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